(c) what steps are being taken by the Company to boost exports in the near future and what targets have been set for the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Coal India Limited exported 0.98 lakh tonnes of coal valued at US $ 1.19 million during 1993-94.

(b) Constraints in export of coal include availability of coal as per specifications demanded by foreign buyers, availability of infrastructural facilities, domestic demand, etc.

(c) Restrictions on export of coal have been removed and Coal India has signed additional contracts for export of coal. Export targets have not been set for the coming year.

STC without Full-time Chief

5288. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Goverment attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Pioneer dated the 5th April, 1994 captioned 'STC in direct straits without full-time chief'; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in respect thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news item published in the Pioneer dated the 5th April, 1994 captioned "STC in dire straits without full-time chief".

Shri S. C. Vaish, who joined as CMD on 29th June, 1990 relinquished charge of the post on 3rd October, 1993 consequent upon his appointment as Member (Administration), Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh. Pending formal selection of Shri Vaish's successor by PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board) and with a view to make an interim arrangement to manage the affairs of the Corporation. Shri Ajit Kumar, Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Commerce has been entrusted additional charge of the post of CMD, STC from the date Shri Vaish vacated it.

The selection of a regular incumbent for the post is presently in process in PESB (Public Enterprises Selection Board).

Audit Objections indicating excess payment of CCS

5289. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question 1908 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 1994 and state :

(a) the nature and details of the audit objection indicating the excess payment of cash compensatory support and name of party or parties;

(b) whether it is a fact that subsequent team of auditors from the same authorities had cleared the objections in the matter;

(c) whether the audit authorities have been expecting some Government clarification;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what further action has been taken to clear the objections and to allow the drawal of CCS by the parties to encourage exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The audit objections relate to excess payment

to the exporters on account of wrong classification of the export products. Details are enclosed as per Annexure. [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure 105]

(b) to (e) Wherever there is excess amount of cash compensatory support as pointed out by the audit, it is either recovered from the exporter, or the audit authorities are satisfied that the payment was made according to the rules.

Representations opposing GATT Treaty

5290. SHRI SANATAN BISI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the State Government of Orissa opposing the GATT Treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such representation have been received by the Central Government from other State Governments also; and

(d) the reaction of the Central Government with regard to the opinions expressed by the Government of Orissa and other State Governments on the various proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (d) Representations have been received, *inter alia*, from the Government of Orissa, which has also filed a suit against the Union of India in the Supreme Court. The gravemen of representation is basically that there will be adverse economic consequences of accepting the Uruguay round results. Government of India does not share the assessment of the Government of Orissa.

Export Facilitation/Grievances Readdressal Committee

5291. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted an export facilitation/grievance redressal committee;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Committee; and

(c) the main objective for the formation of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) In order to facilitate speedy redressel of genuine grievances of trade and industry including complaints against delays, Grievance Committees have been set up in the Office of the Director General of Foreign Trade and the Regional Licensing Authorities. These Committees include representatives of the Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation (FIEO), concerned Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Boards and concerned Government Departments/Technical Authorities. The Chairman of the respective Grievance committees have the discretion to co-opt any other members as and when considered necessary on such Committees. Necessary provision exists under Para 250 of the Hand Book of Procedures Vol. I 1992-97 (Revised Edition—March 1994).

Involvement of State Governments in promoting Exports

5292. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to involve State Governments to promote exports;